

## Earth Day 2015: Events Across Massachusetts

The following events calendar is compiled as a public service by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and includes Earth Day activities held in Massachusetts, listed alphabetically by community. For more information about a particular event, please contact the individual or group listed as a sponsor.

### AMHERST

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Earth Day "Yogathon"  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.  
Fine Arts Center Terrace, UMass Amherst Campus

Join us on the Fine Arts Center Terrace, April 22 8 am - 5 pm, for the second annual Earth Day Yogathon Fundraiser for Protect Our Breasts. The day will include continuous yoga sessions with special guest instructors from local studios and the Rec Center. For more information visit [https://www.isenberg.UMass.edu/events/Protect\\_Our\\_Breasts\\_Earth\\_Day\\_Yogathon\\_2137/](https://www.isenberg.UMass.edu/events/Protect_Our_Breasts_Earth_Day_Yogathon_2137/) or <http://protectourbreasts.org/yogathon/>, email Alysse Foley at [afoley@UMass.edu](mailto:afoley@UMass.edu) or call 413-545-0799.

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Earth Day Festival  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Goodell Lawn, UMass Amherst Campus

Join us as we explore what it means to be a socially conscious inclusive green community. For more information email Ezra Small at [esmall@facil.UMass.edu](mailto:esmall@facil.UMass.edu) or call 413-545-0799.

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Human Library  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
W.E.B. Du Bois Library, UMass Amherst Campus

Come to the Human Library, where the campus community is invited to "check out" human "books" and "read" (converse with) the "books," before "returning" them to be "read" by others. This experience is designed to promote dialogue, reduce prejudices and encourage understanding. This event aims to break down stereotypes and prejudices on our campus by exposing our community to people of backgrounds different than our own with whom we may not typically interact. For more information email Madeleine Charney at [mcharney@library.umass.edu](mailto:mcharney@library.umass.edu)

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Screening of *Gasland*  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
5:00 p.m.  
Integrated Learning Center Room 331S, UMass Amherst Campus

*Gasland* is an Academy Award Nominated documentary which tells the story of communities affected by hydraulic fracturing. For more information contact Liz Pongratz at [epongrat@umass.edu](mailto:epongrat@umass.edu)

## **ARLINGTON**

Revere Our Planet  
Sunday, April 19, 2015  
10:30 a.m.  
630 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington

The SHOUT Heard 'Round the World: Revere our Climate will bring together diverse peoples and organizations to motivate increased, sustained engagement in confronting the real threat of climate change. Let Patriots' Day, once again, be the start of something revolutionary. Let it again inspire a new vision of what the world can be. We hope you'll join us! Inspired by an interfaith panel on climate change at Harvard Divinity School. For more information contact [shoutroc@gmail.com](mailto:shoutroc@gmail.com) or visit <http://shoutroc.org/>.

## **ATTLEBORO**

Attleboro's Earth Day Recycling Event  
Saturday, April 18, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Recycling Center  
29 Pond Street North, Attleboro

Paper Shredding Event - Residents may take up to two boxes (8"x18") to be shredded for free. There is a charge of \$5.00 for additional boxes. Mercury exchange program for thermometers and thermostats may also be dropped off. Compost demonstration with two kinds of compost bins for sale. Rain Barrels for sale, must be preordered through Great American Rain Barrel at 800-251-2352 - \$75.00. Discover Books will be collecting used books, magazines or VHS tapes. Bay State Textiles will be collecting clothes, shoes and linens. Sponsored by Attleboro Health Department. For more information, visit [www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle](http://www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle), contact [Rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us](mailto:Rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us) or call Cheryl Perry at 508-223-2222 Ext. 3245.

## **AVON**

Town Wide Cleanup Day  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Avon Town Hall  
65 East Main Street, Avon

The Town of Avon is hosting a Town Wide Clean Up Day. Avon residents of all ages are invited to take part in this community building event. Registration is from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at Avon Town Hall. Gloves and Bags will be provided; Teams will be breaking off to clean preselected areas of Town. Following the event, participants are welcome back to the Town Hall for a Celebration Cookout. For more information, please call Tara Tradd, Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414 ext. 1016 or log onto [www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov)

## **AYER**

A Cleaner Ayer: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Cleanup Day  
Saturday, April 25, 2015-Sunday, April 26, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Depot Square, Ayer

Join the town of Ayer for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual town-wide cleanup day! Sponsored by the Ayer Recycling Committee. For more information, contact [ayerrecycles@gmail.com](mailto:ayerrecycles@gmail.com).

## BEVERLY

Community Clean Up and Picnic for Earth Day  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Clean up and planting  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Picnic (Lunch provided)  
Holcroft Park, 9 Mill Street, Beverly

Join your friends and neighbors in a community clean up, planting and picnic for Earth Day. Sponsored by the North Shore Community Development Coalition and the Beverly Senior Center. For more information, contact Andrea Rhoades, [andrea@northshorecdc.org](mailto:andrea@northshorecdc.org), 978-825-4013.

## BILLERICA

Billerica Clean Up Green Up Day  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Billerica

Join your friends and neighbors as we spread out around Billerica to clean-up the town. Sign in at the Council on Aging Building, Concord Road. We will provide trash bags. Groups interested in a large project can register with the Recreation Department ahead of time. Kids, earn your Take 5 Patch as part of Green Up/Clean Up. You must bring a parent and meet us at 10 am at the Main parking lot of the Kids Konnection Playground (off Andover Rd., Billerica Center.) Wear gloves, sneakers, and dress for the weather (rain or shine). Complete the 5 activities with us and earn your Take 5 Patch!! Questions please contact [Sandra Libby](#), Billerica Recreation Dept., Program Coordinator, 978-671-0

Billerica Donate/Reuse/Recycle Event  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Marshall Middle School  
15 Floyd Street, Billerica

The 6th annual Donate-Reuse-Recycle event will be held at the Marshall Middle School where residents are encouraged to donate usable items to charity. Sponsored by Town of Billerica Recycling Coordinator Mary Delahanty. For more information, email [mdelahanty@town.billerica.ma.us](mailto:mdelahanty@town.billerica.ma.us)

## BOSTON

"Party for the Planet" Earth Day Celebration  
Friday, April 24, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Franklin Park Zoo  
One Franklin Park Road, Boston

Learn how you can contribute to a healthy planet and preserve the Earth. The festivities will include opportunities to meet the zookeepers, plus animal enrichment activities, scavenger hunts, entertainment, eco-friendly exhibitors and composting demonstrations. Sponsored by Franklin Park Zoo, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. For more information, visit <http://www.zoonewengland.org/FPZevents> or email [rmorgan@zoonewengland.com](mailto:rmorgan@zoonewengland.com).

Earth Week  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015-Saturday, April 25, 2015  
Boston Architectural College  
320 Newbury Street, Boston

Join the BAC Green Team and students in celebrating the first annual Earth Week. Walk through an exhibit on recycling, attend workshops on urban bicycling, movie showings and so much more! For more information, contact the Green Team at [greenteam@the-bac.edu](mailto:greenteam@the-bac.edu).

## **BOURNE**

Open House and Earth Day Celebration  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
201 MacArthur Boulevard, Bourne

Join the town of Bourne for an open house and Earth Day celebration! There will be tours, information displays and refreshments. Sponsored by the Bourne Integrated Solid Waste Management Department. For more information visit <http://www.townofbourne.com/integrated-solid-waste-management> or contact [pgoddard@townofbourne.com](mailto:pgoddard@townofbourne.com) or call 508-759-0651.

## **BROCKTON**

Keep Brockton Beautiful Day  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 pm  
Heights Crossing  
35 Christy Place, Brockton

Join in the community clean up and cookout sponsored by the Mayor's Office and DPW. Registration will be from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM at 35 Christy Place, Heights Crossing. Cleaning Equipment will be provided. There will be a cookout and raffle prizes at Heights Crossing starting at Noon. For more information call the Mayor's office at (508) 580-7123, the DPW at (508) 580-7135 or the Recycling Depot at (508) 580-7827.

## **DANVERS**

Earth Day Zero Waste Recycling Weekend  
Saturday, May 2, 2015-Sunday, May 3, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Danvers High School  
60 Cabot Road, Danvers

On Saturday and Sunday, May 2 & 3, Danvers will hold a weekend long recycling event in the High School Parking Lot at 60 Cabot Road from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Bring clothing, shoes, linens, paper to shred, CDs, DVDs, audio books, records, electronics, rigid plastics and metal. Boy Scouts will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans (Saturday only). Please check our website closer to the event date for more details. Danvers Residents only. Compost Bins (\$30) and Rain Barrels (\$30) will also be available for on-site purchase by residents with a check made payable to the Town of Danvers. Limited number, first-come, first-served, no pre-orders, NO CASH. Sponsored by the Town of Danvers Department of Public Works. For more information please visit [http://www.danvers.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B\\_EV&SEC={D7A82048-144B-42B5-AF01-B5B305BC2622}&DE={16F57A44-8DF1-4CE3-904C-595322E5FD2B}](http://www.danvers.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC={D7A82048-144B-42B5-AF01-B5B305BC2622}&DE={16F57A44-8DF1-4CE3-904C-595322E5FD2B}) or contact [gbernard@mail.danvers-ma.org](mailto:gbernard@mail.danvers-ma.org) or call 978-777-0001.

## **DUXBURY**

Saturday, May 2, 2015  
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Tarkiln Community Center  
245 Summer St, Duxbury

The Annual Duxbury Litter Sweep will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration and trash bags will be available at the Tarkiln Building, 245 Summer St, Duxbury MA. All trash must be dropped off at the Tarkiln Building by 4 p.m. If collected separately recyclables and returnables, should be taken to the Transfer Station by 4 p.m. For more information, see: [www.duxburylitterpatrol.com](http://www.duxburylitterpatrol.com) or email [duxburylitterpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:duxburylitterpatrol@gmail.com).

## **GREENFIELD**

Workshops celebrating Earth Day at Franklin County Better Living Show  
Saturday, April 18, 2015-Sunday, April 19, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Indoor Action Sports  
1385 Bernardston Road, Greenfield

Fifteen 45-minute workshops offer ideas, discussion, and resources on how to 'green' your home, yard, and community! Franklin County residents share their experiences and invite discussion on how we can live healthier and more lightly on the Earth, so that future generations can enjoy life in our beautiful, abundant valley. Sponsored by the Greening Greenfield & Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit <http://www.fcbetterlivingshow.org/workshops> or contact [nhazard@worldsustain.net](mailto:nhazard@worldsustain.net).

## **GROTON**

Groton Annual Town Wide Litter Cleanup  
Saturday, May 2, 2015-Sunday, May 3, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday  
23 Station Ave, Groton

Join the town of Groton in their annual Town Wide Litter Cleanup! Sponsored by Groton Grange. For more information please contact 978-448-3418 or 978-448-3715 or visit <http://www.grotongrange.com/events.htm>.

## **MATTAPOISETT**

Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Fairhaven Senior Center  
229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven

Come to the Fairhaven Senior Center for an exploration of real life plants and animals (Live turtles, a bird walk), rain barrels and compost bins, food from How On Earth and so much more! Find out more here:  
[http://www.mattapoisett.net/Pages/MattapoisettMA\\_EventsCal/S04F7CF89-04F7D1DD?formid=161](http://www.mattapoisett.net/Pages/MattapoisettMA_EventsCal/S04F7CF89-04F7D1DD?formid=161)

## **MEDWAY**

Clean Sweep 2015  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (rain or shine)  
45 Holliston Street, Medway

Join the Town of Medway for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Clean Sweep! Volunteer to pick up roadside litter that has accumulated over the winter. The Town will provide the bags and gloves volunteers will need to complete the work. Waste Management, the Town's trash removal vendor, has generously agreed to make a special roadside pickup of the collected trash and recyclables. Event sponsored by Town of Medway and Waste Management. For more information visit [http://townofmedway.org/Pages/MedwayMA\\_QuickLinks/0203E5EF-000F8513](http://townofmedway.org/Pages/MedwayMA_QuickLinks/0203E5EF-000F8513) , email [cleansweep@townofmedway.org](mailto:cleansweep@townofmedway.org) or call 508-533-3264.

## **NEW BEDFORD**

Earth Eve Parade  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
5:00 p.m. Parade gathers at Market Street (behind the main library), New Bedford  
5:30 p.m. Procession begins and travels through New Bedford's downtown historic district

Celebrate Earth Eve with the People-Powered Parade: Massachusetts' only Eco-Friendly Parade. The climate is changing, and it's time to make a statement. Eco-floats should have the theme of reduce, reuse, recycle, and can be anything a person can wear, roll, or carry along the route. The parade gathers at 5 p.m. at Market Street (behind the main library). The procession will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the crowning of Mother Earth and Father Ocean. Then it will travel through the downtown historic district. Sponsored by the Greater New Bedford Earth Day Committee. For more information contact [marissa.perez-dormitzer@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:marissa.perez-dormitzer@newbedford-ma.gov).

## **NEWTON**

Electronics Recycling Drop-Off  
Friday, April 17, 2015-Saturday, April 18, 2015  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
115 Rumford Avenue, Newton

Held once a month, Newton residents can bring their unwanted electronics for proper disposal and recycling. There will be a \$18 charge to recycle each TV or computer monitor (CRTs), all other appliances and electronics accepted free-of-charge. Check or cash accepted. Sponsored by the City of Newton DPW. For more information, [www.newtonrecycles.com](http://www.newtonrecycles.com) or call 617-796-1000.

Rain Barrel Sale  
Saturday, May 9, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
115 Rumford Avenue, Newton

Interested in Water Conservation? Collect rain water runoff to water your garden! Rain barrels can be purchased for \$79 + tax. Purchase by May 2 at [www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com) or 1 800-251-2352. Sponsored by City of Newton DPW and The Great American Rain Barrel Company.

## **PLYMOUTH**

Run for Your Mother and Textile Collection  
Saturday, April 18, 2015  
8:30 a.m. Registration, Charge Pond  
9:30 Races begin  
DCR Myles Standish State Forest

Online registration through April 16<sup>th</sup>, \$25.00 adult / \$15.00 ages 12 & under. Race day registration begins at 8:30 am on April 18th at Charge Pond - \$30.00 adult / \$20.00 ages 12 & under. This race begins with a mile loop around Charge Pond on pavement then continues onto paved bike path to and around Fearing Pond, finishing back at Charge Pond. This course is challenging for all levels, there are rolling hills throughout, bike path is narrow but paved. We are in the forest, so expect pine cones and needles along the paths. Event sponsored by Plymouth Recycles. Textile collection at the event, bring any clothing or textiles for recycling. For more information go to <http://www.greenbeane.net> or contact Sunny Beane at [Sunnybeane@yahoo.com](mailto:Sunnybeane@yahoo.com).

## **READING**

Earth Day 2015  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Reading Municipal Light Department  
230 Ash Street, Reading

Learn about solar photovoltaics, solar thermal heat pumps, geothermal, combined heat and power, and biomass energy for your home. Check out plug-in hybrids and all-electric vehicles. Sponsored by the Reading Climate Advisory Committee. For more information visit [earth\\_day\\_flyer\\_2015\\_landscape-final.pdf](#)

## **SEEKONK**

Seekonk Celebrates Earth Day –Litter Patrol  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
871 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk

Have fun with community members while picking up litter in designated areas of town! Event sponsored by the Town of Seekonk. For more information call 508-336-8523.

## **SHIRLEY**

A Cleaner Shirley  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Leominster Road, Shirley

Join the town of Shirley for their town cleanup! Sponsored by the Shirley Recycling Committee. For more information please contact [dawnmccall@comcast.net](mailto:dawnmccall@comcast.net).

## **SOMERVILLE**

Mystic River Earth Day Clean-Up  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Blessing of the Bay Boathouse  
32 Shore Drive, Somerville

Groundwork Somerville is hosting Comcast Cares Day with the City of Somerville on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, and 11 other sites around the City including South Street Farm, the Community Path and Union Square. See the full list of locations at [www.groundworksomerville.org/programs/sustainable-community/earth-day-comcast-cares/](http://www.groundworksomerville.org/programs/sustainable-community/earth-day-comcast-cares/). Pick a site and come out to get ready for spring! Events will be followed by a BBQ at 12:00 p.m. at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive. For more information visit <http://mysticriver.org/watershed-clean-ups/>, or contact Chris Mancini at [chris@groundworksomerville.org](mailto:chris@groundworksomerville.org).

## **SPRINGFIELD**

Springfield Science Museum Earth Day Festival  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Springfield Science Museum  
21 Edwards St, Springfield

On Earth Day (April 22), join the Springfield Science Museum for free activities and performances to celebrate the environment and our planet. Events will be held outside on the Quadrangle Green (Rain location: Springfield Science Museum). Come from the free giveaways of ice cream and plant seedlings! For more information visit [http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/calendar/view/1907-earth\\_day\\_festival/04-22-2012#.VNy4ok10xdg](http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/calendar/view/1907-earth_day_festival/04-22-2012#.VNy4ok10xdg)

## **TOWNSEND**

Townsend Earth Day  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Main Street, Townsend

The 10th Annual Earth Day Celebration in Townsend, MA will be held at the Townsend Common, Routes 119 and 13 on Saturday, April 25th 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Rain Date is Sunday April 26th, noon-4 pm. Stop by to; hear music, browse the vendor/craft booths, talk with environmental organizations, buy some food and have some fun! This year's theme " Water, Water, Everywhere?" is organized by the Recycling Committee. For more information visit [www.townsend.ma.us](http://www.townsend.ma.us). or the Townsend Earth Day Facebook page.

Textile Competition  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Main Street, Townsend

You can pick a NMRSD school to help win the competition! Please separate your good usable items from the lousy items (torn sheets, blankets with holes, stained pillows, old stuffed animals, worn out/single shoes/flipflops, clothing with missing buttons/broken zippers-the items just cannot be wet or smelly!) The good textiles will be donated to TEO and the not so good to Bay State Textiles for recycling! For more information visit [www.townsend.ma.us](http://www.townsend.ma.us). or the Townsend Earth Day Facebook page.



## **WEST SPRINGFIELD**

### **West Springfield Earth Day Fair**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

10:00 a.m.-1:30p.m.

West Springfield Town Common, West Springfield

The town will celebrate with tree plantings, music, raffles and more. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the town common. The rain location is the senior center at 128 Park St. Other activities include a book swap, children's face painting and document shredding. The Salvation Army is also collecting donations and recyclables. Environmentally friendly products from local businesses will be available, along with free amur maple seedlings. Event sponsored by the Environmental Committee and Dept. of Public Works. For more information, call (413) 244-1389 or (413) 733-3843.

### **Clean-Up West Springfield Day**

Saturday, April 18, 2015

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Mittineague Park Pavilion, West Springfield

Trash bags provided but volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves. Volunteers will clean up pre-determined site throughout Town, free lunch for volunteers. Event sponsored by the office of **Mayor Edward C. Sullivan**, Dept of Public Works, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and more. For more information, call 413-244-1389 or 413-733-3843.

## **WELLESLEY**

### **Earth Day Celebration and Clean-Up**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Massachusetts Horticultural Society Gardens at Elm Bank

900 Washington Street, Wellesley

Volunteers will help Mass Hort staff and garden keepers prepare the gardens for all to enjoy throughout the growing season. Please bring along your family, your favorite garden tools, all-weather clothing, and a potluck dish to share. This event is connected with the Charles River Watershed Association Earth Day Cleanup. Free to all, with complimentary morning coffee and pastries, and join us for a potluck afterwards (12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)! Pre-registration required. To register please visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ear4jl4ufa20eb18&llr=kzaorjcab>. For more information please contact Katie Folts at [kfolts@masshort.org](mailto:kfolts@masshort.org) or call 617-933-4973.

## **REGIONAL**

### **Charles River Cleanup**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

At sites all along the Charles River and its tributaries from Bellingham to Boston

Since 2000, the Charles River Watershed Association has coordinated the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup each April with a collaborative of other non-profit organizations. The Cleanup involves volunteers picking up trash at over 100 different cleanup sites along the Charles River and its tributaries. Volunteers participate as part of more than 100 different neighborhoods, school, religious, and corporate groups, as well as individually. Volunteers remove trash and debris (including television sets, bicycles, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags) located in the river and on its banks at 100 sites along the 80-mile river. At last year's event, we estimate that we removed 50 tons of litter, making the Charles River cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful! For more information and to sign up, visit: <http://www.crwa.org/cleanup.html>